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Pennsylvania's Vegetable Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Sep 9, 2011 --- Contracted production for **Pennsylvania** snap beans in 2011 is estimated at 34,580 tons, compared to 30,560 tons contracted in 2010. Area contracted for harvest is estimated at 13,300 acres, up from 11,100 harvested contract acres in 2010. Expected yield is 2.60 tons per acre, down from last year's yield of 2.75 tons per acre.

Contracted production for Pennsylvania sweet corn and tomatoes for processing is no longer published in order to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Contracted production of snap beans in the **United States** is forecast at 656,340 tons, down 12 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 13 percent, but yield is up 0.09 ton per acre from last year. In Indiana, heavy rainfall followed by excessive heat slowed crop progress. In Minnesota, planting was delayed due to cold and wet conditions during the spring season. In Michigan, low yields have been reported due to hot and dry weather throughout July. Pennsylvania growers reported very hot and dry conditions during the growing season. Wisconsin growers reported very hot temperatures during July.

Contracted production of sweet corn production in the **United States** is forecast at 2.64 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. A decline of 2 percent in contracted harvested area is expected to more than offset an increase in yield of 0.04 ton per acre from 2010. In Minnesota, planting was delayed due to cool and wet spring conditions.

Contracted tomato production in the **United States** is forecast at 12.7 million tons, up slightly from last year. A decline of 4 percent in the contracted harvested area is expected to be more than offset by a yield increase of 2.08 tons per acre. In California, the season got off to a slow start due to cool temperatures and wet conditions. Harvest was underway by August. Indiana's processing tomatoes were reported to be in fair condition despite heavy rainfall during the planting season.

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